

THE SPECIFICATION

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Turning now to the drawings in which like reference characters indicate corresponding elements throughout the several views, attention is first directed to FIG. 1 which illustrates self adjusting grooved pliers generally designated 10. Pliers 10 are similar to conventional grooved pliers with the exception that modifications have been made to the grooves and tongues, as will be described presently, and a biasing mechanism has been added, which while advantageous, is not required. Pliers 10 include a section 12 having a jaw portion 13 and a section 14 having a jaw portion 15, coupled at a pivot 16. Section 12 includes a channel 18 adjacent jaw portion 13, which receives pivot 16, allowing pivot 16 between sections 12 and 14, to be adjusted for a wider or narrower association between jaw portions 13 and 15. ~~section~~ Section 12 and section 14 pivot about pivot 16 moving jaw portions 14 and 15 between an open position and a gripping position.

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Still referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, with additional reference to FIG. 3, grooves 20 are formed by a plurality of raised ridges 30 each having a leading edge 32 and a slanted leading face 33 slanting back therefrom. Tongue 22 also has a leading edge 35 and a slanted leading face 36 slanting back therefrom. Leading faces ~~32~~ 33 and ~~34~~ 36 act in concert as a centering mechanism. When leading edge 35 engages slanted leading face 33, tongue 22 is guided into the adjacent lower groove. When leading edge 33 of tongue 22 engages slanted leading face 36, tongue 22 is guided into an upper adjacent groove. In this manner, pliers 10 will always close smoothly without the need to manually align tongue 22 with one of grooves 20.